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First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this October issue of the NSW *Assemblies Outreach* magazine. We hope you enjoy the variety this month, with some new writers included (well, new to this publication).

I have a few favours to ask all our readers this month, if you can spare a few minutes.

Firstly, “feedback” is always most welcome to a magazine publisher. What are we doing that’s helpful to you personally? What other things should we be doing in your opinion? Please write, email or phone to tell me.

Secondly, we are always on the look out for more Christian writers please – male & female, young or old, to supply devotional and inspirational material.

Thirdly, we need news from more Assemblies across the length and breadth of NSW, as well as from a wider range of para-assembly activities.

Fourthly, your help is sought to increase the magazine’s circulation by

including more assemblies & churches and a wider age-span in the readership.

Our older readers are gradually leaving this ‘orb’ and going to be with the Lord. We need to keep working at lowering the average age of the magazine’s readership!

Please encourage younger members of your congregations to become regular readers of this magazine. Perhaps the cheaper PDF version, with its advantages regarding easy linking to the Internet, will prove advantageous to ‘younger’ brothers and sisters i.e. those who are under 50 years of age!

Thank you in anticipation!



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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches. Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or better still, e-mailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Also, please email your wording for Notices or Coming Events to be included on the NSW Christian Brethren website to:-

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

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Several times this magazine has reported on the monthly outreach ministry at Parklea Markets by a few people from West Pennant Hills Community Church. This ministry has been going for about 12 years.

Sadly the team has not been able to operate for a month or two because, for various reasons, there has not been enough team members.

Ratna Kratnakar, Nelson Padilla and Anthony Wilson have indicated their interest in continuing but three or four more people are needed. God willing they would like to restart the work at the Markets on the second Saturday in October. If someone is interested in joining the team, even if you are from another local church, please contact Ratna by email:-

kratnakar@gmail.com

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As reported in our August issue, a Dr Bessim Gorial, CEO of the Aramaic Broadcasting Network (ABN) has been in Australia for about three weeks this September and October. He was in New Zealand before that.

He has held meetings in various parts of Victoria and NSW to explain more about the role of ABN and the Trinity Channel in teaching the Bible, and refuting Islam, via TV satellite broadcasting, IPTV networks, and via webcast on the Internet.

A meeting hosted by Christian Media Services (CMS) was held on 1st October in Cherrybrook and another at Guildford Chapel on 4th October. As well as Dr Gorial, other speakers were Peter Mackie, Dr John Angus, and Jamil Chouair. (Unfortunately John Hills was unable to attend due to illness.)

The talks and subsequent questions from the audiences were video-taped and a condensed version should be available for distribution soon.

The CMS team already broadcasts on ABN at 7pm every day with either the *Door of Hope* program or the *Hear O Earth* program. But there are much bigger opportunities on ABN, and six associated networks, if extra funding can be raised. Segments from some channels are also on YouTube, and a App is available for iPhones and iPads to view the ABN and TCT (Total Christ TV) broadcasts.

A current "dream" is to add to the present messages (which are in 4 languages) by broadcasting also in Greek and Turkish – via all means possible to "the uttermost parts of the earth". ➤

Meetings & Events

(Note: for the **latest details** please be sure to check at these websites:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/events.html

www.cccaustnsw.com/events

2014:

15 Oct **Prayer for Israel** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to 12.

18 Oct **Camden Christian Fellowship**; from 2pm; celebrates 50 years of witness in the same place;

www.camdenchristianfellowship.org

18 Oct **CBCS AGM and Thank-giving Service** at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook.

24-25 Oct **Inspire Women's Conference** at Yarramundi Conference Centre.

27-31 Oct **Spring Festival Camp** at Mt. Victoria (for 50s and over) see page 28.

1 Nov **GLO EXPLO** at Riverstone.

1 - 4 Nov **GLO Family & Friends** Conference @ Wollongong.

6 Nov **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; at Bet-Nahrain Christian Church for all Nations, 7 Station Street, Fairfield.

8 Nov **Christmas Shopping & Cafe Morning** at Elouera Gardens, Community Room; 9 am to 12 noon. Also Outreach Book Service (Christmas cards, gifts, & 2015 Calendars).

8 Nov **'Awake to Israel'** meeting, an all-day seminar at Epping Gospel Chapel, 10am to 5pm. The speakers are Ron Jarlett and Kevin Rosalen and their subject "Kings & Prophets" (see details in the advert on page 16).

12 Nov **Prayer for Israel** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to 12.

15 Nov **Youth Evangelistic Day.**

29 Nov **Pathfinders Christmas program**, at West Pennant Hills Community Church, starting at 6pm.

5 Dec A **UNIFY** event for Young People. Please contact Sean Nolan (at Lutanda) for details.

2015:

18 Jan to 21 Jan **Vital 2.0 Youth Conference** at Lutanda Camp Toukley (see page 17).

5 Feb **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm

15 Feb **National Day of Prayer & Fasting**

21 Mar **"And God Said ..."** Bible Conference at Lithgow Bible Church.



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Prayer & Praise requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Brad Scott

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church leaders that they will be open to the Spirit's leading as they lead our churches.
- ☆ Pray for wisdom as we look for church planting opportunities in NSW.
- ☆ Pray for the Christians in Iraq, Syria and the Middle East who are facing severe persecution for their faith, and for our Government as it commits to protecting the vulnerable.
- ☆ Praise God for Gavin's recovery from his hospital stay. He is back at work after an amazing recovery.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries.
- ☆ Pray for protection of the definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Sexual radicals are campaigning for the Coalition government to abandon its election commitment to marriage.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches might be balanced in serving our Lord, faithful in teaching the Word, obedient to the Spirit and acting in mercy to those around us.



Botany Bay Community Church:

Praise God for:

- ☆ the many connections and relationships we have in our local community. Pray that these relationships might result in Kingdom growth.
- ☆ a Men's outreach night held on Saturday night with the Bledisloe Cup. Pray that some of those who came would join a men's group exploring life and Jesus.

Please pray that:

- ☆ we will be excellent witnesses to Jesus for the local community as we welcome the many new residents moving into Botany. Ask God to pour out His Spirit on our local community.
- ☆ we will love one another well and grow deep, open gospel-shaped relationships.





Burwood Gospel Chapel

Praise God for:

- ☆ the Korean speaking Sunday-School class. Please pray for all the teachers as they plan and prepare lessons for these little children.
- ☆ our Saturday translation class for nonbelievers. About 15 to 20 students attend this class that translates the Bible from English to Korean under the leadership of brother Kim Daeyoung. This is an outreach program. Saturdays from 10am to 1pm followed by lunch.
- ☆ the evening service is 6 to 7pm every Sunday followed by free dinner. Almost every Sunday we see new people come to our service and hear the Gospel. Last week one family showed interest to join our church.

Please pray for:

- ☆ Safety of our children and church members due to a multi-storey construction taking place at the back of our church. The back area of the car park is

being used as a construction site and contractors have unlimited access to our car park 6 days a week. The contractors are not thoughtful and considerate of the Church that is still in existence and operational. Work Cover was called to make the contractors comply with occupational and safety laws.

- ☆ Burwood assembly will be relocated to Abbotsford next year when our church will be demolished. Please pray for a smooth transition as we work with the believers at Abbotsford.



Camden Christian Fellowship

Praise God for:

- ☆ 50 years of continuous witness and fellowship in our current building and the celebration planned for 18th October with the Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir.
- ☆ the ongoing ministry of God's word shared by visiting speakers.

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Please pray for:

- ☆ a boost in numbers attending meetings and support for monthly 2nd Sunday evening Apologetics discussions called 'Faith Forum'.



Campbell Gospel Chapel

Praise God for:

- ☆ the faithful care of many of the fellowship for one another in their Christian walk.



Please pray for:

- ☆ our group of young people that they may know Christ more, grow in the knowledge of His grace, and show His love every day to those they connect with.
- ☆ continued openings for Scripture in ACT and NSW schools, for the Scripture Christmas programs, and for Sharon Knott as she connects hundreds of students each week with the Good News message.

God is not a vending machine

It's strange how many people approach God on their own terms as though they wanted to cut a deal with an Almighty God in exchange for a little "pleasure". As long as we feel "spiritual", meditate, show up at religious events, live by our own sense of right and wrong, and confess when we feel we've messed up", we can expect a decent return on our "investment". If we are "very spiritual" and put a lot into our good works, then we expect a big payback. But just a little bit of effort, and we expect a little corner in heaven.

But God is not an impersonal vending machine at our beck and call. He is the Almighty and eternal Creator God who

wants a relationship with us according to His perfect view of it. He has presented His love and warnings to us in the Bible. We are spiritually bankrupt without anything of value to bring Him (Isaiah 64:6). We have offended a holy God with our sin (Isaiah 59:2). God wants us to come to Him, not with good works and great words, but with humility and repentance, recognising we deserve not treats but judgement (Romans 6:23). Then we discover God's goodness exceeds our expectations. We find a God of love and goodness (John 3:16). Confess your sin and reach out in faith to receive His undeserved and unearned love and goodness!



Memories of Mr Norman Deck

written by Don Fleming

Someone suggested that, since I am using part of my twilight years to write a few reflections on people I have known, I should write something about Norman Deck. He was a former missionary who taught us at Bible college, where he impressed and inspired us with his brilliant intellect and contagious enthusiasm. He seemed to have boundless energy. Then, as I reflect on my own life of fairly active ministry, I realise that in my current status as 'elderly,' I am still not as old now as Norman Deck was then!

No ordinary person

Norman Deck was the first lecturer I encountered when, as a 20-year-old, I entered Emmaus Bible College, Sydney, back in 1959. At that time the college had just opened, there were only six students, a principal had not yet been appointed, home life was under the care of resident house parents and teaching was given by a group of very capable visiting lecturers, the oldest of whom was Mr Deck. It did not take him long to tell us that he was 80 years of age and that he had spent much of his life in the Solomon Islands. His face lit up with a rosy smile whenever he mentioned the Solomons – which was often. He had the habit of telling us lots of Solomons stories, many of them time and again. We actually could tell some of them for him. On occasions we would mischievously insert a question

that would give him the excuse to burst into fresh excitement to tell us a detail we already knew.

While Norman Deck was not a boastful or self-promoting person, he enjoyed the sense of achievement that most 80-year-olds like to remind people



Photo: 1959

about. We soon learnt that he was by no means physically or mentally clapped out. He seemed to run rather than walk, usually carrying a small case in which were his Bible, books and notes. He drove a small Austin A30 sedan, which he still maintained

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by doing all mechanical repairs, tyre rotations, and grease and oil changes. He was always early for lectures and whenever possible would seat himself at the piano and play classical music – which, he told us often, he could do non-stop for three hours. He had enthusiasm for everything he did. By profession he was a dentist and, judging from stories he told us, he carried this enthusiasm into his dental exploits in the remotest regions of the Solomons. His missionary work in the Solomons extended for 34 years.

The Deck family largely pioneered missionary work in the Solomon Islands. The founder of what became known as the South Sea Evangelical Mission (which gave birth to the South Sea Evangelical Church) was Norman Deck's aunty, Florence Young, whom he held in high esteem and habitually referred to as 'my aunt Miss Young.' He had similarly high regard for his brother Northcote, a doctor whose missionary exploits in the Solomons are well documented. A great uncle of these brothers was the hymn-writer James G. Deck, whose compositions became widely known and much loved through *The Believers Hymn Book*.

A mind always at work

At Bible college we very soon discovered that Norman Deck had a view of the Bible, church and mission that was more enlightened than what was commonly accepted. He was a thorough scholar of biblical Greek, had translated the New Testament into a Solomon Islands language, and had

written much scholarly material. In the Solomons he had a running battle with Anglo-Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists, being particularly opposed to the notions of baptismal regeneration and salvation through law-keeping. Back in Australia he continued to expound his views to anyone who was interested. He also took issue with those who placed legalistic restrictions on the public participation of women in church meetings, citing Mrs Alice Chambers as an example of someone whose Bible teaching ability was more informative and more edifying than that of most men. He wrote scholarly books or papers on all the above topics, as well as on such diverse issues as the Lord's Supper, the chronology of the crucifixion and the terminology of church leadership.

However, the writings of Norman Deck that most benefited us students were the detailed notes he prepared on the biblical books he lectured on – Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Revelation and Daniel. The notes were commentaries in themselves. He did everything himself – typed the material, cut the stencils and then printed the notes on his Gestetner duplicator. The notes were in Elite typeface (which fitted more words on the page), and reproduced on foolscap paper, printed both sides, with margins of about one centimetre and with no space between paragraphs. They presented a daunting mass of print to the reader. Each set of notes was presented to us with the enthusiasm



of someone who had learnt a lot and was so excited that he had to share his discoveries with us.

One of the most memorable lessons I learnt from Mr Deck was not so much the exegesis of a passage of Scripture as the humility of the man in his approach to Bible study. On one occasion, after giving us the usual four pages of crammed notes on a section of Romans, he arrived at the next study with four replacement pages. He collected the previous set of notes from us, saying that further studies had shown him that the previous interpretation he held of a few verses was faulty. I cannot even recall which verses they were or what the issue was, so it could not have been a matter of great doctrinal import. Nevertheless, he had concluded that his interpretation was deficient and had to be corrected. It was a lesson I have tried never to forget. Even an 80-year-old scholar was prepared to change a long-held view when better biblical study convinced him he had been wrong.

It was through Norman Deck, and through another of our lecturers, David Clines, that I was introduced to the IVP series of publications known as Tyndale Commentaries. When I first used these books, in studying Corinthians, it was as if a clear sunlit landscape opened before my eyes. What was vague, shadowy and mysterious now became clear and meaningful. The Bible came to life.

Mr Deck was particularly enthusiastic over some of the commentators who

were Anglican, such as Leon Morris, R.V.G. Tasker and John Stott. He often said of Handley Moule, 'no writings lead me into the presence of God more than those of Bishop Moule.' Though from a Brethren church himself, he was untiringly complimentary about the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, particularly his friends at Moore College. At the same time, he was an ardent premillennialist and taught the futurist interpretation of Revelation and Daniel. At that time I was more intent on soaking up knowledge than on applying my critical faculties to what was being taught, but even then I thought it strange to be told that we should go to evangelical Anglican scholars for our general theology, but go to traditional Brethren scholars for our eschatology. Why the dichotomy? I had difficulty understanding how scholars who were so reliable in one area could be so unreliable in another. How could we put large chunks of Christian belief into watertight compartments where scholarly men of one view or another could be arbitrarily accepted or dismissed?

The Solomon Islands live on

Many years after I finished Bible college, when I was now an overseas missionary and Norman Deck had retired from lecturing, a friend in Melbourne sent me a well illustrated newspaper article about Norman Deck. We had heard, in Bible college days, that he was 'a bit of a photographer,' but we had no idea how groundbreaking his ancient photography was.

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Back in the days when photography was a specialised art built around primitive cameras and even more primitive developing and printing equipment, Norman Deck had made a name for himself with photographs he took, developed and printed in the Solomons. Now an art gallery in Melbourne had put on a one-man show of 80 of his photos, some of them from the early 1900s. The article commented that he was 'a sprightly 96' and still did all his own enlarging and printing at his Sydney home. It was just another example of how extraordinarily gifted, innovative and competent Norman Deck was. As always, he was ahead of his time.

Years later I was privileged to be in some of the places where Norman Deck

had lived and worked in the Solomon Islands. We all knew that his life was bound up with the Solomons, but it was only when I visited the islands that I began to see what an impact he had made there. Very early on my first visit, twenty years after I had left Bible college, as soon as I mentioned that Mr Deck had once taught me, people treated me almost as if I were the old man reincarnated. My teaching seemed to gain new status. On one island, an elderly pastor who lived on a neighbouring island rowed his canoe for more than an hour just to meet me and shake my hand. He said he owed Mr Deck so much, that just to shake my hand helped him to express his debt. Many of us feel similar indebtedness.



About the author

Don Fleming and Gae, his wife, went out as missionaries to Thailand in 1965, and after service there had a time back in Australia to settle their family. They subsequently served in lots of countries around the world till officially 'retiring' in 2010.

Don has written more than thirty books, which are in about 130 countries and have been published in more than fifty languages. Although he is no longer able to travel, Don is still very much involved in a variety of ministries these books have led to, in countries far and wide.

News from some Commended Workers

Don & Gae Fleming 22 September 2014

(from an email to the Editor)

As for news about us personally, Gae still has multiple problems, mainly abdominal, which make life very difficult and painful, but she remains bright and positive, always looking for ways to change the world.

My never-been-sick-in-my-life boast was brought to a halt earlier this year when I had to have surgery for cancer of the stomach and oesophagus that saw me in hospital for many months and almost took my life.

By the grace of God, we are both still around and now live in an independent living unit in a retirement village.

However, we both remain active in our local church and in international ministry, which is now done mainly by sitting behind a computer and rattling away on a keyboard. Our travelling days may be over, but we still have a wide-ranging Christian ministry.

Warmest greetings

Don & Gae Fleming

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Alan & Kerry Driver 22 September 2014

Here are some Prayer and Praise points:-

- Praise the Lord for His guidance, continuing provision and help.*
- We thank the Lord that Allan's thyroid operation and recovery in July*

and August went well with good results and there were no major issues with his voice.

- Praise the Lord for His wonderful provision for our daughter Stacey, her husband Shane and their family; after a long period of health and work related issues, they are now settling in Griffith with a new job and many blessings in accommodation and schooling.*
- Pray Allan will be able to complete his MTh studies this year.*
- Our daughter Jacqueline praises the Lord for His wonderful help and aid in her work with Katoomba Christian Conventions in the office at Burwood. Pray for her friendship with a young man from Lithgow assembly.*
- Praise the Lord for the encouragement of His people in the assembly at St. Clair/Erskine Park.*
- Pray for the Assembly and its elders as we look to the Lord for His guidance in our various ministries and service for our Saviour in our local area.*

George & Rita Galieh 8 September 2014

We thank the Lord for

- Our continuing ministry with Vantage Point, our 5 minute radio program broadcast twice weekly throughout Australia.*

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- several services at Assemblies & Community Churches on special days throughout this past year.

Please pray:

- For health & strength and that our enthusiasm in the Lord's service may not flag, but be renewed daily as we research and record programs throughout the year.
- That hearts may be prepared to receive & respond to God's Word.

Future dates:

Ladies Anniversary, Cartwright/Green Valley - Sept. 16

Nurses Christian Association, Eastwood Leagues Club - Sept. 20

Bexley Baptist Church Anniversary - Oct. 12

Festival Retreat; Mt. Victoria - Oct. 27

Ministry in Thailand; November 17 to December 17.

Greg & Sarah Clark **23 September 2014**

Thanks for the opportunity to share these prayer points about Camp Kedron

Praise for:

- Wonderful recent rain that filled the water tanks.
- Full camps with waiting lists (96 campers per week).
- A full complement of volunteer leaders and kitchen helpers.
- So many non-churched children and teenagers attending camps.
- Leaders who have come forward recently to help at the High School

camp 28th September to 3rd October.

Prayer:

- For Study Leaders for each camp
Primary 21-26 Sept – Neil Clark
High School 28 Sept to 3 Oct – Ben Grisez.
- That the seed of God's Word will take root and produce a great crop.
- Safety during camps and on all off-site outings.
- For staff health and strength for the 2 weeks.
- For Camp Directors:
Primary School Camp – Ben Crow, Daniel and Natasha Boffinger;
High School Camp – Brad and Margaret Taylor; and all their leaders in each camp.

John & Bee Angus **11 September 2014**

Please pray for the rapid healing of my wife's knee following knee-replacement surgery.

Praise for recent contacts from our English TV program on TVS, including a man from Long Bay gaol and a Heather from Redfern who wishes to become a Christian.

Pray for the visit to Australia of Dr Bassim Gorial, manager of the TV Satellite program. (See pages 25 & 26 in the August magazine.)

Pray for Jamil Choucrair who has a heavy workload preparing programs for the Satellite Broadcasts across North and South America, Australia, and New Zealand.





Geoff & Liz Folland

26 September 2014

Third Term Comes to an End...

So much has happened since our last ministry update - I (Geoff) was in New Zealand for our Oceania Leadership Summit, we've seen a new student leadership team form in preparation for 2015, and we are now half way through school holidays. I was particularly pleased with the process for selecting our new student leadership team at Sydney Uni. We've been looking to rebuild the ministry on campus this year and that requires developing new student leaders. Our new student president, Matt, is a guy I have been discipling this year. Minji transferred from Macquarie Uni at the beginning of the year. Both are Korean Aussies. Katie is a quietly well-organised first year student. And I've shared Ruell's story of coming to faith this year in a previous update. Please pray that God will continue to grow and develop these students as they learn to lead in 2015.

Leadership Summit - New Zealand!

The first two days of the Leadership Summit were taken up with training on team leading. Even though I've been leading ministry teams for 15 years, the training still had the effect of making me feel my weaknesses as a leader. There were so many bright spots from the conference though. And my talk on 'Movement Building in Antioch' went well. Thanks for praying!

Student Life's Profile:

Serving at Macquarie Uni since 1995 means that many people think of that

campus when they think of our ministry. Now that I lead the team at Sydney Uni & the Uni of Notre Dame (as well as oversee Student Life across the state), it would be really helpful if you could connect me with any students planning to head to those campuses in 2015. Please join me in praying for God to bring along the right students next year - those who are ready to learn how to follow Jesus and those who want to learn how to make disciples.

We really appreciate your prayers and your partnership with us. We couldn't do this ministry without you!

Aaron & Shelley Daniell

2 September 2014

Dear Friends

Thank you for standing with us. Our nation needs the hope of Jesus Christ. Today marks 1 month since I commenced full time with Ambassadors For Christ International (AFCI).

I have enjoyed getting to know the team. A typical week starts with 2 days of strategic meetings at the AFCI office in Seven Hills, Sydney. This time has helped us bond as a team and begin to work well together. This time is also used to work through various project streams with the allocation of tasks assigned to various team members to complete before we meet the following week. With weekly accountability amongst the team its exciting to see what God is doing in preparing AFCI to serve the local church and the opportunities He is bringing our way. Thank you for your continued prayers.



SPEAKERS:

Mr. Ron Jarlett is the Principal of the Western Sydney Bible School.

Ron has been teaching the word for 50 years, both in Australia and overseas.

Ron and his wife Del fellowship at Padstow Heights Christian Assembly. We are pleased to have him on the Awake To Israel team.



Mr Kevin Rosolen, and his wife Dianne, fellowship at Riverstone Community Church. For 39 years he has worked at the University of Sydney in computer technology.

He has been privileged to preach in a number of churches.



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- To encourage the believers in Israel in whatever way we can.
- To facilitate and be involved in evangelism and discipleship of Jewish people.
- To pray for Israel.

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A One - day Prophecy Seminar

Saturday 8th November
2014

10:00am — 5:00pm
Ron Jarlett &
Kevin Rosalen

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Kings & Prophets



Have you ever felt confused about the kings and prophets of Judah and Israel?

What were the prophets talking about anyway?

Some Biblical kings were righteous, but others were downright wicked!

The prophets spoke about the times they lived in and yet also the future. How do they fit together?

All were intended to point us to the King of Kings.

"A King shall reign in righteousness"
Isaiah 32:1

SESSION	TIME	TOPIC	TEACHER
Session One	10:00 - 11:00am	Overview	Ron Jarlett
Session Two	11:15am - 12:15pm	The Northern Kingdom Israel	Ron Jarlett
	12:15pm - 1:00pm		LUNCH
Session Three	1:00pm - 2:00pm	The Southern Kingdom Judah	Kevin Rosolen
AWAKE TO ISRAEL meeting			
Session Four	2:30 - 4:30pm	Post Exile and the Coming MESSIANIC Kingdom	Ron Jarlett

LUNCH:

Please bring your own lunch. We will provide tea and coffee throughout the day. Afternoon tea will be served following Awake To Israel meeting.
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VITAL 2.0

THE NEXT GENERATION

by Sean Nolan



Hi Friends,

As a family of churches we have faced some challenges over the last little while. As a result, many of us have been voicing our desire to see the development of the 'next generation' of leaders within our movement. In many ways this culminated at the National Conference in July, with the emergence of an express desire to work together to see this come to pass.

I am currently studying the 'Psychology of Leadership' at Emmaus Bible College this semester, and I have been challenged that apart from the evident spiritual requirements of unity and purity, any successful movement is categorised by well planned and clearly organised goals.

To see these ideas become a reality we have to start somewhere! To this end, we have decided to re-launch the VITAL Conference in January 2015, under the name VITAL 2.0. This is an attempt to get us all together in 'one accord', in faith, to see God move in the hearts and minds of the next generation.

We call this V.I.T.A.L leadership because it represents our passion to build and create young (and young at heart) leaders to grow and build the Lord Jesus Christ's Kingdom.

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I want to encourage something that may seem 'out there' - I want to pro-

pose the idea that Elders/Pastors attend the conference with their younger people. 'Younger people' is defined as anyone from a junior youth leader to someone in their late thirties, anyone that has potential to lead the next generation – not just established leaders.

This is not just another conference for the sake of a conference. It is a step of faith to see the above become a reality throughout 2015 and beyond.

Thanks to the generous support of a few of our organisations, such as: NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission, Stewards Foundation, Lutanda, Emmaus and the Ministry Support Fund, we are working towards a subsidy off the advertised price for attendees from our family of churches – there are limited subsidised places, it will be first in first served.

The retreat will be run at Lutanda Toukley, from January 18th evening to breakfast Wednesday 21st.

To register, visit:

www.lutanda.org.au and search for Vital.

For a flyer or for more information contact me — ph: 0404 474 254 or

email: seann@lutanda.com.au

Yours warmly, in and through Christ.

Sean Nolan, Director of Youth Ministry, CCCAust NSW. □



The following newsletter was sent out in September from Gary Akehurst – mainly via emails.

“Dear email prayers,

It is wonderful to say that Joanne is so good, most of the time, that we almost forget she has myeloma, until it comes to writing a newsletter. However, Mel and Joanne haven’t been well over the last 2 weeks, with a winter bug. We look forward to seeing Tim and his girlfriend, Wai, for Joanne’s nephew’s wedding next month. Funny enough, he is marrying a Joanne, thus she becomes Joanne Wright, which is Jo’s maiden name.

“Writing these newsletters is such a blessing, as they bring to light in our minds how good the Lord is.

“Our friend Barbara Feehely, has just finished digitising all of Des & Dorothy Baird’s (Sound Words Ministry Queensland) catalogued cassettes, which we brought from Brisbane four years ago. What a great effort! We thank the Lord that Des had already digitised a good part of them before bringing the cassettes and equipment to Sydney. Barb spends half a day a week digitising and as we all do, sometimes wonders if what she does helps. It sure does! The Lord encouraged her the other day, when she looked back on our newsletters and saw what He has done through:-

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Without Barb, maybe we wouldn’t have had the courage to bring the cas-

ettes and equipment to Sydney, because at the time we were so busy with the website. We couldn’t see how we’d have the time to digitise as well. She’s always encouraged when looking at the quotes from those who have received the recordings.

There are many more cassettes to digitise from our collection, since bringing Des and Dorothy’s cassettes to Sydney. We have just finished digitising Acacia Ridge Gospel Hall’s and are within a couple of weeks of digitising about 1,200 of John McKee’s (Toowoomba) cassettes. There are still a couple of thousand other cassettes to digitise from Emmaus Bible College, Eastwood Gospel Hall, Outback Aerial Mission and several private collections. After that, the recordings need to have the sound improved and to be edited.

“Slowly, but surely, we have been adding some recordings to Promise-BoxAudio.com, as time allows, while still spending most of our time digitising cassette tapes. Here are some of the speakers we have added lately: **Ted Boyce, Martin Benson, Derick Bingham, Bruce Crowther, John Gellatly, Ian Irvine, Graeme Tatchell and Howard Wilson.**

“We are a little behind in getting orders posted; hopefully by the time you get this, we will have caught up, having sent **34 orders in the last quarter**, (including **201 DVDs and 19 CDs**): 15 to India, 11 to Australia, 2 to Zambia, ➤

2 to Kenya, 1 to Nigeria, 1 to Myanmar, 1 to Papua New Guinea and 1 to New Zealand.

Here are some more encouraging messages we have received from those who have been blessed through the messages or who have received them since. All of them were contacted through Facebook, which is where we got their photos. (The wording has not been edited.)



David Muyoti,
Kenya,
"Thank you for you
CDs i just got them
today. God bless
you my friends...

Thanks so much. Listening to them.
Will share them with my groups here.
I love your teachings and do take heed
to them. Please, pray for me to teach
what you teach to my flock as well.
Also pray for my work of ministry and
stand by me and support me when God
gives to you."



Robert Son, India,
"Dr. John
McArthur is the
best The DVDs
are really helpful
for us."



Timothy, S Babu,
India,
"I buy a LAPTOP
and introduce
MP3 records...
we present and
distributed in our

churches. Very good response we had
seen." (Timothy runs an orphanage.)



Samson, Punjab,
Pakistan,
(This is one of
the rare times we
have edited what
Samson has said,
as it was just too
hard to read. It was

quite hard to edit while leaving as close
to his meaning as possible.)

"Greetings in the name of Lord. I
will visit villages where Indian troops
are bombing and many have fled.
Please keep on praying for them and
pray for me too because I want to
preach and do my best for them. I have
heard that one woman and 2 children
have died with the attacks. I live in
a village close to the Indian border,
where the India attacks our country.
The two countries bombed each other
last night. The Indian soldiers kill our
some animals and a woman. I was also
afraid from last night I could not sleep
because of attack of bombs. The noise
was so great. This is the first time I
have heard how loud it is when you
are being bombed. All people were
very afraid too. Some left their home
and go other place in the night. I am
a pastor and stayed home and prayed
that before we are attacked again, we
could have meetings and preach the
Gospel in the surrounding villages.
The bombing went right through the
night. I am thankful to the Lord I can
reach back home safety. They were

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very dangerous times between the troops, but many village people are afraid from and they did not sleep that night. I am thankful to the Lord that all the Christian people are safe from bombs. Please pray for us and our whole ministry in the different villages."



Elisha, India,
"Every month we are conducting Bible Classes to encourage the Pastors and giving Biblical principles. Around 100

Pastors are gathering every Month. Not because of any other reasons but some Pastors who not trained up are giving false Doctrines and misunderstanding the word of God. I am going through this website - blessedassurancepromisebox.com, we are so glad to see the background. because we are also following the same Doctrine. I praise God and Thanks to you my Friends."

May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Gary & Joanne Akehurst
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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER GROUP

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10 October

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Enquiries:

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Vanilla Ice-cream defies Theory of Evolution!

supplied by G. Davey

Nearly everyone has enjoyed a yummy bowl of vanilla ice cream. It is a wonderfully delicious dessert. However, vanilla ice cream wouldn't even exist if evolution were true.

Let's start out with a little history. Until more recent times, Mexico was the only producer of vanilla. In the 1520s, a man by the name of Hernán Cortés travelled down to Mexico and loved vanilla. So, he brought some back with him to Europe.

For the next 300 years, the Europeans tried but were never able to produce vanilla. You see, vanilla grows up a tree as a vine. Eventually the vine produces an orchid. In order to make the vanilla bean, the orchid must be pollinated. The problem is, it only blooms one morning per year for pollination. If it isn't pollinated within 12 hours, it withers. To make things more difficult, a hood like membrane covers the part of the vanilla orchid that produces pollen. This makes the production of the vanilla bean very difficult.

In 1836, Charles François Antoine Morren travelled down to Mexico to figure out why they weren't able to produce vanilla beans in Europe. As Morren was studying the vanilla orchids, his attention was drawn to a little bee (the Mexican *Melipona* bee). This bee landed on the orchid, lifted up the little hood-like membrane, collected pollen, and then flew off to the next flower. This bee was pollinating the orchids. After some time, the orchid produced a vanilla bean.



Vanilla Orchid (V. planifolia)

To this day, the Mexican *Melipona* bee is the only insect that knows how to pollinate the vanilla orchid.

This simple fact puts evolution in an extremely difficult position. Without the Mexican *Melipona* bee, we simply would not have vanilla today. The bee and the vanilla vine had to be made at the exact same time.

Not to mention that this bee had to be given specific information about how to pollinate the vanilla orchid. Again, no other insect knows how to do this. This bee had to be made, designed, and purposefully created to pollinate the vanilla orchid, and thus, produce vanilla.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DV7TS3XB94

So much of our world points to the Creator. As silly as it sounds, even vanilla ice cream proclaims the glory of God. So, the next time you sit down to enjoy a bowl of vanilla ice cream, remember that you are enjoying a tasty treat that is only possible through the creative power of God!



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Australian Christian Literature Awards - 2014

'Book Of The Year' goes to the Bible Society CEO

SPARKLIT's annual Book Of The Year Awards were made at a gala evening at St Alfred's Anglican Church, Blackburn North, Victoria, on 14th August. The shortlisted books in each category were mentioned in the previous issue of *Assemblies Outreach* magazine (August 2014).

The *New Life* newspaper, issued on 15th August, published the results.

First prize was awarded to Greg Clarke, CEO of the Bible Society, for his book **The Great Bible Swindle – and what can be done about it**, a concise, persuasive and friendly appeal to read the Bible. Second prize went to **In God They Trust? The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers 1901 – 2013** by journalist Roy Williams, detailing the faith of Australian Prime Ministers. The third prize went to veteran broadcaster and writer Kel Richards for his book **C.S. Lewis And The Body In The Basement**.

Apart from the awards, the highlight of the evening was the keynote address by Simon Smart, Director of the Centre For Public Christianity, a Christian media company promoting public understanding of the Christian faith.

www.publicchristianity.org

Simon said that "in the contemporary world when so many challenges to the faith are gathering strength, we can no longer assume that we have shared foundations with other worldviews, so we need to publish good Christian books more and more to inform a world in which people know less and less about the Christian faith."

"This is not a situation in which we should despair, but should rather be excited by the challenge. The Christian story still speaks into the deepest longings of the human heart – longings for significance, justice, home, hope – and the Christian story still remains good news."

"So Christian writing needs to have authenticity, honesty, realism and deep truth. It should be so good that it cannot be ignored – just like the prizewinners in the 2014 Book Of The Year Awards."

<http://www.sparklit.org>

This website says the SparkLit organisation "advances God's Kingdom by empowering Christian writers, publishers and distributors around the world."

"We encourage life-changing Christian writing so that lives, communities and cultures are transformed as people discover Jesus in a way that is authentic and culturally meaningful. The Australian Christian Book of the Year Award is given annually to an original book written by an Australian citizen normally resident in Australia and published by an Australian publisher. The Award carries a prize of \$2,500 for the author and a framed certificate for the author and publisher. Supplementary awards may be made. This award recognises and encourages excellence in Australian Christian writing.

"The Young Australian Christian Writer Award is given annually for the best unpublished manuscript by >24

an Australian citizen under 30 years of age. This award carries a prize of \$2,500. Supplementary awards include a \$1,000 prize for writers under 18 years of age. With the Young Australian Christian Writer Award we discover and nurture writers of the future."

This year's Young Australian Christian Writer Award winner was Heidi Waddell for her novel 'The Bridge'.

What is the Bridge? What lies on the other side? How badly do you want to find out? The narrative is seductive and engaging. The detail is evocative and believable. The characters persuade and surprise the reader. The Bridge is a clever, memorable and beautifully conceived allegory.

Second Prize was given to Joshua Maule for 'Isesomo'.

This book is a well-researched biography of a diligent and courageous leader who is currently Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Despite the extraordinary detail, the story is easy to follow. The author deals impartially with historical events that are both confronting and chaotic. From a country sadly synonymous with bad news comes a challenging and inspiring story.

The 2014 Teen Australian Christian Writer Award went to Annie-Jo Vogler for her novel 'Ellesmere Road'.

The judges said 'Ellesmere Road' evokes the world of an adolescent boy, an expanding realm—family, school and neighbourhood—mapped

by the streets where he rides his bike. In a year of crisis to whom will Jude turn? Ambitious and unusual themes are woven into the fabric of the story: the impact of fractured Christian fellowship on a family, God's supernatural protection and the gradual process of growing and learning to trust God.

Incidental details create a strong sense of time, place and mood. The writing is evocative, subtle and restrained. This writer understands the power of words."

Here is an extract from 'Ellesmere Road':

"Jude watches with satisfaction as the first days of autumn usher a distinct coolness into the air. Perhaps now he can justify the shivers. But even if they stop, there are still the flickers of darkness that flash across his bedroom window. They only began to show a week ago—the day when the moonlight was weakest. And when they did, Jude's shivers became even more violent."

"Though they may not always feel it, no one in the house at the corner of Gumtree Lane can shake off the feeling that something is going on. They may not know what it is, but it is there."

"And since last week Jude's parents have spent more than one night awake with fingers intertwined and lips moving in whispers. Their words are those of a million prayers."

{Enjoy reading Christian books.}



Why the Church cannot ignore the need

for affordable housing

by Magnus Linder,
Executive Officer, Churches Housing Inc

Land... more than just a symbol of freedom; land empowers, entitles, provides income and allows for dreams of freedom and prosperity. Land is of course a major topic of the Scriptures, with the Israelites yearning for the promised land long before it was delivered, then suffered the ignominy of having to wait for another forty years when it had already been within their reach. Their status as a nation, of self-determination and freedom; indeed the nature and status of their creator God who had made certain promises about a future with land was all dependant on actually entering into ownership and control of land.

In more recent Australian history it has been wonderful to see a general acknowledgement of the traditional ownership and stewardship of the land by our indigenous Australians becoming an important part of every public meeting. Even better is a real and genuine Welcome to Country! Our general Australian culture has now begun to accept the terrible injustices and complete disempowerment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by our own forefather's failure to treat them with respect and equality. The Church of course has also needed to be part of the apology and needs to continue to work out, hand in hand with our indigenous brothers and sisters, how to hand this empowerment and respect back. Land and land rights, and acknowledgement of such, have always been a central theme in any serious attempt at reconciliation.



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When Jesus opens His ministry from the scroll of Isaiah, declaring "the year of the Lord's favour", it has echoes of the Year of Jubilee. This once-in-50 years forgiveness of debts and restoring of family land to its original owners was part of God's desire to see each and every Hebrew family empowered to live free lives with hope for the future and no rod on their backs. Despite the fact that this year was likely never put into practice, we see that God desires more than just spiritual freedom; He actually wants us to put it into practice in our everyday, outward lives. While some would like to quote "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth." (Proverbs 10:4), the scriptures speak much more about oppression and injustice by the wealthy and powerful: "An unploughed field produces food for the poor, but injustice sweeps it away." (Proverbs 13:23).

What is happening with land, and especially housing on land, in Australia? It has become so unaffordable that more and more people are seen in public housing queues, with increasing numbers of Australian families experiencing "housing stress", a generally accepted term that denotes low-to-middle income earners who pay more

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than 30% of their income on housing, leaving often insufficient funds for other key areas. This is particularly acute for low-to-middle income earners in private rental arrangements. Various government assistance models have come and gone, the more recent being the ongoing Commonwealth Rental Assistance and also the incentive for developers, Community Housing Providers and even churches in the NRAS scheme (National Rental Affordability Scheme), providing approximately \$10,000 per year subsidy per unit of housing for ten years in return for a 20% discount on the market rent offered to low-to-middle income earners.

These schemes have made a big difference to a few people, but unfortunately the problem just keeps getting worse. Housing supply has simply failed to keep up with demand and our much-loved negative gearing for investment properties appears to have failed in delivering any significant new

construction. The system is broken!

Where is the voice of the Church? Does the church have anything to say in regards to housing affordability? Certainly the Church spends much time ministering in areas that are perhaps the direct result of unaffordable housing and associated stress; relationship breakdown, addictive and abusive behaviours, financial stress, etc.

Of course not all of these things have their root in housing, but it would be a good area for a socially active church or church welfare agency to survey. Are churches ministering to the symptoms without addressing the root causes? What can the church as a collective do or say? What can an individual church, particularly one with lots of land or old and lazy assets, be doing in their communities in regards to housing?

If the Scriptures talk a lot about land, maybe we, the church, also need to talk more about this. □

SEMINAR & ROUNDTABLE (INCLUDES AGM)

Following the seminar by Rev. Niall Reid, and a presentation on Illawarra Lighthouse Communities' brilliant Yallah youth Homelessness Project, you are invited to participate in the roundtable. Our aim is to promote what is creatively possible in the area of the provision of affordable housing, under the current political and financial constraints.

At the conclusion of afternoon tea, we will set aside a brief time to conduct our AGM.

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Property for a Pilgrim People

The conference will consider how as a Church we understand property from the "sacred space" to the commercial "asset" which can be sold or developed for the broader mission of the Church. The question will be raised as to whether the property we have defines the Church and its mission or whether what the Church is called to be in our time and context determines the sort of property we need.



Rev. Niall Reid was the Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW & the ACT from 2007-2011 having served as the Minister of the Word in a number of congregations over the previous 25 years. From 2011 to 2013 he served as Chairperson of Sydney Presbytery. In 2012 he was engaging with the local community where he lived participating in various community activities, building relationships and reflecting on how the Church might connect with those no longer connecting with the church. In 2014 he was called by the Synod to engage the Church in a conversation around the effective use of property for the mission of God.

Searching and Finding

by Ms A.D. Burlbaugh

I am a reader, and readers are dreamers and searchers. All readers, like me, know in their hearts that there is more to life than what they are living. Somewhere, there must be a handsome prince, a dashing rogue, a rugged mountain-man to sweep me off my feet and bear me to a land bursting with myth and legend and beautiful scenery. And in that land I would uncover mysteries and secrets, things so simple and pure they can only be found in nature. I would breathe in the fresh, clean air and drink the sounds of birds and breezes and brooks, the soft sounds. There I would be fulfilled and happy. At peace, at last.

‘For me this dreamland was Ireland’

For me, this dreamland was Ireland. I was ushered to this place through my imagination and by the poetry of William Butler Yeats, especially his description of “The Lake Isle of Innisfree.” He painted a picture of peace that he longed for and could only find on that island. He pined after it so, that no matter where he was he would “hear it in the deep heart’s core.” In my deep heart’s core, I felt exactly that longing, that need for more; I was drawn to this place of peace.

Until recently, I thought that my vision of Ireland must remain simply a vision. But through the kindness of my grandparents, I was able to go. And, oh the excitement and joy that was mine! I journeyed there with all

my hopes and dreams prepared to be fulfilled. And I saw the castles and the bogs, the mountains, the fairy forts, flowers and even the Isle of Innisfree.

The beauty was indescribable. The hundreds of radiant flowers pleased my eyes. The sweet sounds of the birds and brooks and breezes soothed my ears. The fragrance of the pure air invigorated my nostrils. I could taste the rain and feel the serenity drop onto my skin and cleanse my soul. But the one sense that remained untouched was my heart. I was still searching, and for days I pulled at the land, needing that fulfilment I thought it offered. But I couldn’t find it, and still I felt sad and empty.

One day, I was looking deep into a blossom, at its incredible beauty and worth, and I remembered how that flower first appeared. The source of its life, the source of mine, the very beginning, the light of life was where and only where I could find my fulfilment and peace of mind. And then my heart exploded, full of what was there all the time, what I could only find within myself, what so many people need and search for, but don’t see because it is so simple and basic. And God is basic. God is the source of all things. God is our roots, and just as a tree looks to its roots for nourishment and a river looks to its source for replenishing waters, we must look >28

to our roots and our source to fill the void in our hearts. God is our only nourishment; all else is transient.

So now I read, but I search no longer, because all the romance and adventure enticing me into the worlds between the pages is just a faint taste of the adventure of life, of my life.

I am excited about each day as it comes; each one can be made to be fulfilling in its own right. And when my days run out, I will have lived just a blink of time and the rest will be eternal joy.

And that is what I learned in Ireland. □

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Here are some more things on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also listed on the NSW Christian Brethren website at:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html

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Lutanda launches its new website:-

www.lutanda.org.au

"We (the Lutanda Marketing Team) are very excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website, which went live on 14th September.

The major changes are:-

- * Device-friendly content - catering for tablets and mobile devices to make your experience more enjoyable;
- * Simplified menu system and a search function - so you can find what you want quickly and easily;
- * Increased visibility for school holiday camps, as well as disability and ministry partnership camps;
- * Streamlined information about the three centres, giving you all the information about accommodation, activities, location and a site map for each location;
- * The creation of a blog (Lutanda News), which will be a resource of information about Lutanda and its partners, for all visitors.

If you experience any issues with the new site, or have suggestions for improvements, please contact the team at :-

web@lutanda.com.au

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'And God Said ...' Bible Conferences.

"These Bible Conferences aim to provide Biblical teaching and the opportunity of fellowship among our various Assemblies. They are hosted by a local assembly and assisted as needed by the 'And God Said' Bible Conference committee" writes Allan Driver.

An outcome of the conferences has been the requests for copies of the messages given. To fulfil this need, messages given by speakers at previous Conference are now available to view and download from YouTube on the Internet.

They are all free to download and you can find them at:-

www.youtube.com/user/andGodsaidBibleConf

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This year Camden Christian Fellowship celebrates 50 years of witness in the same place. There is a special program on 18th October, starting at 2 pm. If you need more information please phone Alan White (ph: 02 4655 7888) or visit the assembly's website:-

www.camdenchristianfellowship.org

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Campus Crusade for Christ Australia has a video blog called 'Campus Crusade Today' and it's on Vimeo:-

<http://vimeo.com/album/1663076>

Vimeo is organised into "albums" and there are 107 videos in this Campus Crusade album. Albums can also be used to show videos on other websites using embedded Vimeo Widgets.

I noted one video called "Using Facebook For Things That Matter". It asks the question "How can a simple hashtag start a spiritual conversation with an old friend?" Tom Prowse from Student Life explains what he did.

There is also more information about 'Student Life' on:

www.studentlife.org.au

and about Campus Crusade for Christ, Australia (CCCA) at:-

www.ccca.org.au

and on their Facebook page at:-

www.facebook.com/cccaustralia

CCCA has a wide range of resources available in its Online Store for evangelism and discipleship training:-

www.resources.ccca.org.au

I saw a new book there by Dann Spader, called "4 Chair Discipling". It is an intriguing title but you can read more about this particular book, and purchase it if you wish, from:-

<http://resources.ccca.org.au/4-chair-discipling/>

The book is described as "awesome" and has been endorsed by Bill Hodgson who says: "this book will extend

Dann Spader's contribution to the fruitfulness of other leaders globally as they seek to coach people through the 4-chair process of becoming disciplemakers who bear much fruit" (i.e. making disciples who make disciples who make disciples...).

The book also has its own website:-

<http://www.4chairdiscipling.com/>

where there are a series of short videos to explain what each chapter in the book is about, plus other resources you will find interesting.

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Website launched:

www.assemblyhub.com

Discovered October 1st - the day it was launched; through a friend on Facebook. It is a "Blog plus" which states, on its 'About Us' page ... **"This is a new ministry devoted to Brethren Assemblies across North America and around the world.** Each member of the board has grown up in the Assemblies and has a passion to see them flourish and thrive. We are committed to the study of the Word of God as our basis for practice and living. The websites, materials and events that are offered will be for the benefit of Assemblies. In no way do we look down on any other believer who attends other churches or differs from the views on this site. We love all who confess Christ as Lord and seek unity and peace, not division and strife."

It is early days, but this website looks to have great potential. **Please** let me know in coming weeks what you think of it? (Colin W.)



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- To offer opportunities in this *Assemblies Outreach* Magazine for Commended Workers, Assemblies, Para-Assembly Activities and other kindred bodies, to publicise and explain their ministries.
- To generate funds, through the Christian Outreach Book Service and other means, toward the support of NSW Commended Workers.
- To provide appropriate teaching for Christians.

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Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW

Elouera Gardens comprises 75 independent living units with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, surrounded by pleasant gardens. It offers a wide variety of styles and sizes of units and a supportive Christian community.

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Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

Set on a ridge with panoramic views to the mountains, Groves House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care, dementia care and ageing-in-place to the people of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the surrounding districts.

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